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1. The number of military, political, and economic specialists whom Moscow is now sending in large groups, from the USSR to China, indicates that the Soviet-Chinese alliance is being taken very seriously--indeed is being regarded as a matter of vital interest. Moscow is at the moment putting forth every effort to make the alliance provided for in the secret Soviet-Chinese treaty (signed by Stalin and Mao Tse-tung in 1950) more effective and wider in scope.
2. Under the terms of this treaty, standardization of arms and equipment of the Chinese Army, on Soviet Army pattern, is provided for. It is further provided that the Chinese military and economic potential shall be brought up to the highest possible level. Moscow also undertakes to assist China to become the Great Power of the Far East and to secure several strategic points in Asia. China is to be helped to assume the role of liberator of Southeastern Asia, but the USSR reserves the Indies for herself.
3. Backstage in the Kremlin, people understand that Malenkov and Khrushchev are merely applying the old Stalin tactics. There is some talk of an early move against the Molotov-Bulganin group. Mikoyan and Voroshilov have lost their influence and are on the list to share Beria's fate.
4. For the moment, at least, Malenkov has managed to reconcile and reunite the Party apparatus and the State bureaucracy. Literally thousands of specialists have been sent to Communist China. Their replacement by new men, reared to blind

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obedience, has made this process a good deal easier. These new men are devoted to Malenkov and may be relied on to carry out his orders without hesitation. This will be true both in Party and State affairs. In spite of rumors of Molotov's impending fate, Malenkov at the moment is still getting as much help as he can from Molotov's machine and its decisive influence over Party affairs. This may mean that Molotov's troubles are still not imminent.

5. A reorganization of the army is going on. The propagandists are trying to persuade the people (in Moscow, at least) that the Kremlin leaders do not want war. However, it is argued that to maintain peace, they have to arm against the capitalists of the West.

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